**SENIOR MEMORY BOOK--PART TWO**

You have already completed the first eight chapters of your memory book. We will write the final eight chapters. Each chapter will be evaluated separately, and the final book will be evaluated for an overall grade at the end of the semester. By this time, you should have a large photo album or binder of some sort and have started organizing your pictures, old school work, mementoes, etc. with each chapter. Continue doing this as you receive each chapter back this semester.

The chapters won't take quite as much research as first 8 chapters.. Remember that I expect final drafts for each chapter. Each chapter will be evaluated using the same rubric format as first semester: content, organization, fluency, and conventions.

**PART TWO--MIDDLE SCHOOL, HIGH SCHOOL, AND BEYOND**

Ch.1: "Growing Pains, Crushes, and Being a Good Sport"--Write about the first crush you had. Who was it? What happened? Did you become active in sports during this time? Which ones? What were some of the "growing pains" you went through during this pre-adolescent time in your life? Your body is beginning to change; girls outgrow boys at this time; we're beginning to grow into our Bugs Bunny teeth, but our feet seem to trip us up. This is the clumsy period. How did you survive? Resources: Mom!

Ch. 2: "Junior High"--Okay, you are not a "little kid" anymore. You are one of the "big kids." How was it your first day of seventh grade? How did you adjust from having one teacher in one classroom to having several and having to change classes? How did the work change? How did your relationships with your friends and with the opposite sex change? Tell about your teachers, activities, successes, heartbreaks, accomplishments, etc. Resources: parents, friends, old pictures, middle school yearbooks

Ch.3: "I Wish I Could See\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Again!"--Tell about a childhood friend, neighbor, or teacher that you have no contact with any more but would like to see again. What was your relationship with this person like back then? What happened to change that? Why would you like to see this person now? What would you tell that person?

Ch. 4: "Besides My Parents, There Was..."--Write about the one most influential person, other than your parents, in your life. I know this is difficult to do, but don't waffle here and try to select more than one. Do some soul searching and choose the **ONE** person who has been **MOST** influential. Tell why you chose that person.

Ch. 5: "New Kid on the Block"-- How was your freshman year? What were some of your anxieties? How was the transition from junior high to high school? What were some of the myths you had heard about high school? Were any of them true? How did you manage to "fit in" to high school life--pep rallies, ballgames, homecoming, clubs, new subjects, teachers, new friends? Resource: No one likes to do it, but you MUST go back to your freshman yearbook and look at your picture! EXTRA CREDIT: Have one of your freshman (or all of them) teachers write a memory for your book.

Ch.6: "Sophomore Year"--Do the same thing you did with freshman year. Only now you are a little more comfortable. Write about learning to drive, beginning to date, getting that first job, becoming more involved in school.

Ch.7: "Junior Year"--Prom, class rings, moving up the class ladder--still not at the top but within sight of it. Write about your junior year.

Ch.8: "At Last, I'm a Senior!"--Write a reflection of your senior year--sitting for your senior portrait, paying those dues, choosing graduation invitations, getting measured for cap and gown, having a locker by yourself and your own parking spot! How did it feel to go through all those "lasts"-- last pep rally, last football or basketball game (or other sport)? Was it everything you expected or a little different? How did YOU treat this year's freshmen? What are you feeling now, as you get ready to embark on a new chapter of your life? EXTRA CREDIT: Have one or both of your parents write a brief reflection of the past twelve years and/or have a teacher write a memory to put in your book.

EPILOGUE: "If I Could Live My Life Over Again, I would..." or "Why I Would Not Change Anything about My Life" Write at least a thoughtful, reflective paragraph.

That's it. Once I return Ch. 8 to you, all that's left is to write the Epilogue and put the finishing touches on the book as a whole. Decorate the outside to reflect who you are. Have fun! Remember, this is your legacy!